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Inspection Report Minerals Regulatory Program January 21, 2009

Reviewed: 

Mine Name: Black Sands 47287	Permit Number: S/047/0081
Operator Name: Black Sands Holding Co.	Inspection Date: November 18, 2009
Inspector(s): L Heppler	Time: 2:00 pm
Other Participants: none	Mine Status: Active

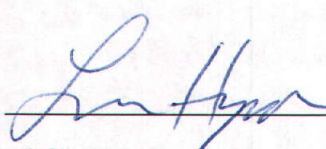
Elements of Inspection	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Deleterious Material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Soils	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Revegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Bond Renewal Date: 05-09-2009 **Bond Amount:** \$18,600 **Permit fee -** delinquent

Purpose of Inspection: Routine annual Inspection. Operator last requested a bond release for the site on 06-06-2008, but the bond release was denied as: a) no reclamation had been done, b) trash found at the site, c) silt fence around the berm of the compound needs repairing until such time as vegetation has been established, d) no revegetation had been attempted and the site is dominated by Russian thistle (Salsola Kali). The site was last inspected as a small mine site on 05-05-2009.

Inspection Summary: The large tank on the site has been removed, but there are still several small lined ponds on site. The area has not been regraded. There is no top soil stockpile evident on site. The site is dominated by Russian Thistle. Photos were taken to document site conditions.

Conclusions and Recommendations: Permit fee is delinquent and bond is past due for escalation. Numerous requests have been made to the operator to keep the mine permit current. The operator no longer has right of entry from SITLA. The permit has been turned over to the AG's office. OGM to continue annual inspections and monitor the site when in the area.

Inspector's Signature 

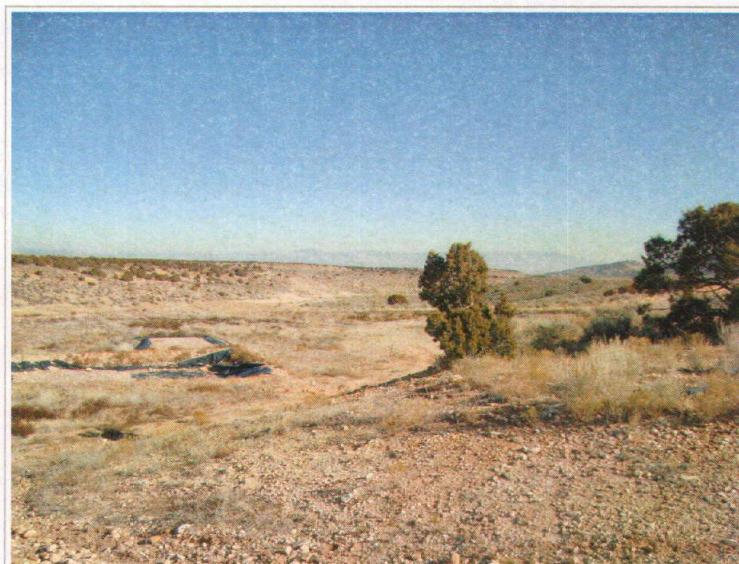
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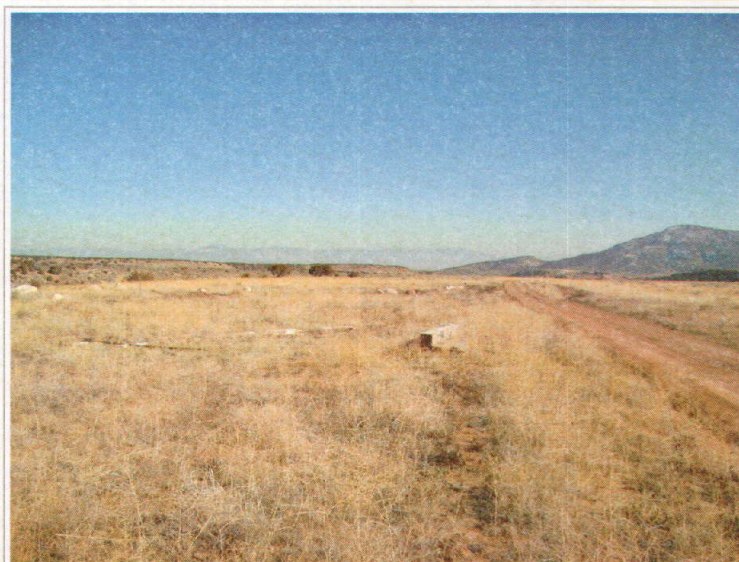
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